

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DRIGGS

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2012

Pursuant to adjournment of the City Council Meeting held February 7, 2012, and the call of the Mayor, The Driggs City Council met on **February 21, 2012** at 7:15.p.m. A roll call was taken and present were council members Greer Jones, Colin Dye, George Mosher and Ralph Mossman, Mayor Daniel Powers, Planning and Zoning Administrator Doug Self, and Public Works Director Jared Gunderson. City Attorney Stephen Zollinger did not attend. Mayor Powers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes to Review

Council Members reviewed the minutes from the previous City Council Meeting dating February 7, 2012 and Council Member Mosher made a correction to the minutes.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2012 minutes and Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Beer and Wine Applications

Council Member Mosher made a motion to approve the applications for beer and wine for the Bangkok Kitchen and TWR Grill with adding an additional signature line on the application for a contact person. Council Member Mossman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – Debbie Hunter Zone Change from C1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to R1 (Single family Residential) at 115 S First E

Public Hearing Opened at 7:33 p.m. Public Hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m. Council Member Ralph Mossman made a motion to approve the Hunter Zone Change from a C1 to R1 at 115 S First E. Council Member George Mosher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TVTAP – Request for Financial Help for the Nordic Grooming by Nick Beatty

Nick would like to propose to the City help pay for fuel that is used for the snow grooming snowmobile. They are asking the City to pay for \$5.00 of unleaded gas each week. Approximately 85 gallons for the winter season which usually goes from the first of December to the first of April. Council Member Mossman requested that the city receive a credit if the snow melts for the following year.

Council Member Dye made a motion that the city donates whatever gas the grooming needs for the year. Council Member Geer seconded the motion. The motion carries.

DDCA – Support for Driggs Plein Art Festival

Dave Hensel was excited to explain that this event would take place July 27th through August 4, 2012 with a group of 40 to 50 artists. This event is trying to bring members into the city for events. DDCA received donation from National Magazine for advertising. Last year was Moab's 2nd year and lead to about a 30% increase. The Senior Center has been one of the places suggested for the Gala event.

Council Member Mossman suggested that the event would still be held in a time of year when not so busy.

Council Member Mosher made a motion that the City of Driggs makes a Sponsorship for Driggs Plein Event Art Festival put on by the DDCA with the initial sponsorship of \$1500.00 with \$750.00 donated from Economic Development line item and the other \$750.00 from Special Events line item, with the potential of an additional 500.00 at the conclusion of the event.

No Show - EMS Services & Capital Improvement Plan present by Bret Campbell

REC Center Lease Proposal – Brady Johnson created a sound business plan and before they start to agree to grants and proposal the Mayor has asked that it comes before the City Council to agree upon the 6 year lease. All of the specifics are listed in Doug's Staff Report dated February 21st, 2012. The request at this point is for Council to approve the lease proposal in concept. A formal lease

would be drafted for the council to consider. Doug stated that the lease would be \$0.13 a square foot to include utilities and cleaning etc. Any proceeds go to TVRA. The City is not operating a business. The Council Members agree this is a great concept and the next step will be to discuss and approve the lease.

Sewer Rates

After last discussion we decided to look at alternate way to address the current rate system. Initial look was to assess the current water billing model – Resolution #257 that shows what we currently bill. Base rate goes up with connection sizes but the sewer base rate does not. It stays as a flat rate.

Option 1

The base sewer rate goes up in the same proportion as your current water connection; as does the allowed usage.

Council Member Mossman asked if there was any way to measure the sewer and the Mayor report we do not measure water and sewer usage but we use the meter reading in the spring and fall to calculate usage and that is what we are currently doing.

What we found is that when you use this current system we would charge very little in the way of usage as there are only a couple of users that use that larger amount. That unfairly penalizes the user that does not use as much as the user that does.

Option 2 The base seems to be fair and increases the allowed usage by the same proportion and seems to be more equitable because it puts more of the burden on high users and increases the base fees significantly for multi-family users. This would not change the rate for about 90% of current customers.

Council Member Mosher felt Option 2 was fairer but questioned if there was enough of an increase to cover costs for the new plant. Mayor Powers stated that it would not raise revenue. The purpose of doing this was to make the billing fair, not to increase revenue. The city should proportion the costs between usage and capacity.

Council Member Jones agreed, stating Option 2 appeared to be better.

Mayor Powers felt the next step would be to draft a proposal for a Resolution and have a Public Hearing.

Council Member Mossman felt that each option had good qualities and questioned if they could be merged. Council Member Mosher felt that the potential for the large users was lower than what they would actually use. Mayor Powers stated to merge the options would push the numbers "in the wrong direction."

The Council agreed to pursue Option 2.

Public Works

A reimbursement check came back from Home Land security was given back to the city at a 50/50 split. \$1500.00 came back to the City and \$1700.00 came back from the State. Last phone call should be tomorrow.

Council members commented on the conditions of the roads but still think we need to stay on top of the parking lots.

With the purchase of the new truck Public Works will try and come up with a better solution for scheduling. The cost of the new truck is \$11,000.00 and will come out of Resort Tax. The buyer will take the two older trucks. The new truck also comes with a sander.

Street lights are being fixed and Mountain States is sending us a new manual so we can fix it in house.

Aaron Little stated that the snow blower hit his curb this morning.

Council Member Mosher made a motion to upgrade to the 1992 truck, trading in the two old trucks and Council Member Greer seconded. The motion carries.

Planning and Zoning

The Public Lighting Standards which are recommendations from Driggs Outdoor Lighting Standards Committee will be discussed next week.

The Sustainable Communities Regional Grant Western Greater Yellowstone Consortium which was attached to packets the only commitments are to work together as partners within the consortium and with the proposed projects.

PRI Scope of Work for Economic Development Plan is attached and highlighted in yellow. The funding will be between the City and Economic Development Steering Committee. City contribution towards the project has been discussed at \$5,000. Doug would like to hold a pre-summit meeting.

Health Insurance was discussed and the Mayor stated it was too expensive for the current compensation for council members.

Council Member Jones made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Mosher seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Clerk, Sonya Adams

Mayor, Dan Powers

Dated this ____ Day of _____ 2012